

Yesterday morning we decided to walk from Hollingbourne to Leeds Castle and return. We had walked this path a number of times but not for many years! Parking in the close by the church, we set off - and what an unexpected pleasure awaited us! We'd no sooner walked beneath the railway bridge and could see what remarkable changes had been made; we could clearly see someone was looking after it all in a most unusual way; someone with a passion to hold on to something rather precious, protecting swathes of land from neglect and possible inappropriate development; someone with a vision that would ensure future generations could continue to benefit from and enjoy what we have today.

Perhaps the most notable change was as we walked passed the farm buildings and through the fields to cross over the railway line and motorway. We saw a positive caring for the environment and the biodiversity around us; evidence of concern and a desire to show that that we can live in harmony and with respect for our natural surroundings.

Never far from the droning of traffic speeding along the M20, it was obvious to us that someone has taken ownership and responsibility for the land surrounding the village. We read notices about Hollingbourne Meadow Trust and googled it when we arrived home! Thank you so very much for all your dedication, hard work and enterprise to make (and continue to make) the difference that was so evident as we walked. Will come again and encourage our grandchildren to walk with us next time!